

CDC Updates

Communications

CDC will soon be launching a new cost of living campaign, called 'Supporting You'. This aims to highlight the range of support that is available to those who may be struggling with the current cost of living, including help with finances; help with saving money on household bills; help with housing; help with health and wellbeing; and help for businesses. CDC will be delivering this campaign in partnership with the Observer series this September.

Enabling Grants Scheme

CDC launched this year's Enabling Grants Scheme in April and the first application window was open until the end of May. They received a total of 21 applications and have approved 14 to be allocated funding. The total grant amount allocated is £23,123.40.

Four businesses have already completed their projects and were awarded a total of £6,500 from this fund and their own investment in their projects totals £36,074.

CDC will be re-launching the scheme for a second application window at the end of September 2022.

Examples of successful applications include a campsite wishing to purchase solar powered, pre-fabricated composting eco-loos to replace their existing end of life composting toilets; a project to improve water resource management and efficiencies at a farm and wedding venue; and a sustainable furniture business that sources local wood supplies, which was looking to improve efficiency through purchase of digital and more accurate machinery.

Choose Work

The Choose Work team continues to support local residents into the workplace through a holistic approach that helps applicants take their next steps towards work or training.

The pandemic and economic turbulence has had a huge effect on the job market by not only increasing the number of available jobs but also increasing the number of job seekers looking to re-evaluate their lifestyle choices. This has created a different challenge for our applicants as the competition is more diverse. However, CDC remain committed to working with their clients in helping them build confidence, resilience, and life skills.

Recently, CDC were able to help an applicant who was made redundant at the beginning of the pandemic. His issue was not in finding posts to apply for but his struggles with social isolation and the adoption of online interviews. They tailored a support package for this applicant, which included online training courses, mock job interviews via MS Teams and Zoom, and help to stay focussed and positive despite relentless job application rejections. After twelve tough months, they were finally been offered a job – and it is his dream job. When CDC last spoke to him, he said:

"I felt that I was getting further away from my goal of finding work and my confidence was non-existent. But Choose Work wouldn't give up on me and taught me that it is how I respond to my circumstances that empowered me to finding my dream job."

To contact the Choose Work team, email us at choosework@chichester.gov.uk or call us on 01243 534889.

Start Movement

Starters:

Christy Carter – Assistant Sport & Leisure Officer – Culture
Mejia Mhilen Karyll – Customer Services Officer – Communities
Sandra Hunt – Housing Standards Specialist – Revenues, Benefits & Housing

Leavers

Robert Young – Interim Development Management Manager – Development Management
Oliver Brown – Trainee Assistant Accountant – Financial Services
Evie Brydon – Communications Assistant – Growth
Amy Sykes – Events & Promotions Officer – Growth
Helena Giudici – Licensing Assistant (Technical) – Growth
Rebecca Grimwade – Customer Services Officer – Communities Katrina Perkinson – Social Prescriber – Communities
Karen Bailey – Business Support Office – Housing
Maria Tomlinson – Senior Planning Officer – Development Management Jennifer Pollitt – Environment Officer – Environment & Health Protection

Local Updates

Crouchlands Farm Rickmans Lane Plaistow Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 0LE

Residents will be aware that an application has been submitted for the regeneration of Crouchlands Farm. This is not the application for the housing development which will be submitted as a separate application but includes the glamping site, rural food and retail centre and equestrian centre. Residents had until the 29th of August to submit comments. The Housing Development application as also now gone in.

22/01726/FUL | Erection of 32 no. residential dwellings on land at Little Farm, Loxwood

I am receiving a high number of objections to this application and will be following this carefully to ensure I represent the views of local residents.

Loxwood Post Office – I have been informed that this following the resignation of the current postmaster this post office will be temporarily closing on Saturday 17th September from 12.30pm. At the current time of writing there was no update as to when this will reopen. The closest remaining post offices in the ward are in Wisborough Green, Billingshurst and Alfold.

Foxbridge Golf Club Development – There are no further updates on this application as at the time of writing it had not been submitted.

Lagoon 3 – A meeting took place 7th July at 2.00pm however Chichester District Council were unable to update on legal matters at this time and arranged a meeting for 11th August which was subsequently cancelled by Chichester District Council as they had further discussions to hold with their legal advisors. I followed up to ask when the next meeting would take place

only to be informed no further meetings would be organised and that we would get informed in writing instead of any updates.

Land West Of Cornwood Townfield Kirdford West Sussex – Residents should be advised that I have submitted a red card for this application as there is a high level of public interest. I have also taken this action because of the time it has taken to determine. It appeared to me that unlimited time was being applied to this application and the planning committee will now be responsible determining this application.

Hyde Housing Complaints - Residents wanting to make a complaint about a Hyde property should, in the first instance, must complain direct to Hyde at this site:

<https://www.hyde-housing.co.uk/complaints/>

If this route does not resolve the issue, then residents can raise this with their District Councillor who will attempt to resolve the issue via the other routes available to them

District Councillor Surgeries:

My next District Councillor Surgery Dates are as follows:

Saturday 3rd September – The Onslow Arms Loxwood, 12pm – 2pm

Saturday 24th September – The Half Moon Pub, Northchapel, 12pm-2pm

Saturday 1st October – Plaistow Stores, Plaistow, 12-2pm

Saturday 15th October – The Foresters, Kirdford 12-2pm

Saturday 5th November – Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green, 12pm-2pm

Saturday 19th November – The Stag Inn, Balls Cross 12pm-2pm

Saturday 3rd November – The Coffee Cup, Ifold 12pm-2pm

I am also available for home visits or one to one meetings at alternative dates/venues upon request.

Get in touch! gbevans@chichester.gov.uk / 07958 918056.

